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M/R: Some last words on the UJDREADFUL Case.

1. I have reviewed the new material, which turns out to be the Pullach Base file on this fascinating case, and gotten a few insights which I did not have before. I have the following comments to offer:

a. In view of the fact that no less than four polygraph specialists checked over the charts and the general reaction-pattern of the subject, I would doubt that these charts would show the least indication that subject was not the man he claimed to be.

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Don't forget

This man can not lie successfully

We can control w P.B.

b. In addition, the fact that he had a son from a first marriage and a wife and two children from a marriage contracted before World War II with him, would make it almost impossible that he was an impostor.

c. Furthermore, when the hue and cry began after the bad polygraph examination, substantial investigations were made and it is almost inconceivable that the BND would not have turned up information that shed doubt on his identity, especially when they went to the trouble of even investigating his school record. (He was demoted in the BND allegedly because he had falsified some of his educational record....)

d. On reviewing the written record of the polygraph examination after these many years -- my original report was in the file from POB -- I must say that I have to stand by the conclusion that subject was or had been an RIS or CSR or some kind of Communist agent. Possibly, of course, he was a go-between between GEHLEN and the RIS or already some kind of GEHLEN double-agent. I include the latter possibility because of the evident effort the GEHLEN people made to keep from getting rid of this man. I also do not exclude the possibility that he was an RIS agent before the end of World War II. That would explain why he would wait for the Russian forces to roll over him when he had the means to escape and knew they were coming. I did ask him whether the RIS had pitched him when they had him in 1945 and he apparently truthfully said no. But I did not ask him whether he gave a truthful account of his sojourn in their hands. For all we know he was given training and a new briefing. This might also explain the strange denunciation in the file by an unknown person who said that a Russian had told him he had shot subject and showed him the grave.... Perhaps this was at a time when the RIS had it in mind to cause subject to disappear, unmourned, unhonored and unsung, and they later changed their mind.

2. What to do? It is clear that subject really was very interested in going to the USA and probably still is. (The fact that he knew his way so well around Amerika Haus and got information on the polygraph there confirms this also.) I would suggest a one-time cold pitch by someone who knows him (perhaps []) on the basis that we know about his RIS affiliation and, if he will play ball with us, we will forget that, give him US citizenship and a whole new start in life. It might just work and his reaction to this first time charge of RIS affiliation would in any case be worth putting into the record.

3. I hope that, when I am in retirement, if anyone ever finds out the truth about this case, they will break security to let me know.

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